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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

SHUNJI NATSUKA ET AL : EXAMINER: NOLAN, P. J.

SERIAL NO: 09/784,077 : :

FILED: FEBRUARY 16, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1644

FOR: MURINE ALPHA (1,3) FUCOSYLTRANSFERASE FUC-TVII, DNA ENCODING THE SAME,
METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME, ANTIBODIES RECOGNIZING THE SAME,
IMMUNOASSAYS FOR DETECTING THE SAME, PLASMIDS CONTAINING SUCH DNA, AND
CELLS CONTAINING SUCH A PLASMID

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 11, 2002, and supplemental to the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed on September 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 17-34 remain active in this application.

The rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Seed et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,858,752, is respectfully traversed. The Inventors invented the claimed subject matter prior to the effective filing date of Seed et al.